



Ascend Wellness Holdings Announces the Opening of New Dispensary in Lewis Center, Ohio

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The new dispensary expands Ascend's Ohio footprint to seven dispensaries

NEW YORK, Oct. 6, 2026 /PRNewswire/ -- [Ascend Wellness Holdings, Inc.](#) ("Ascend" or the "Company") (CSE: AAWH) (OTCQX: AAWH), a multi-state, vertically integrated cannabis operator and consumer packaged goods company, today announced the opening of its newest dispensary located in **Lewis Center**, Ohio, at 3812 E Powell Rd, Lewis Center, OH 43035. The dispensary has begun welcoming medical patients and non-medical cannabis customers, with a grand opening to follow on October 9, 2026.

The new location expands Ascend's growing retail footprint to seven dispensaries across Ohio, with locations in Englewood, Cincinnati, Coshocton, Piqua, Sandusky and Carroll. Ascend Lewis Center reinforces the Company's commitment to providing high-quality products and an exceptional patient- and customer-focused retail experience.

"We are excited to become a part of the Lewis Center community and expand access to medical and non-medical cannabis," said Sam Brill, Chief Executive Officer & Director of Ascend. "We are proud of what our team has built in Lewis Center, and we cannot wait for the community to see it for themselves."

Ascend will host a grand opening event on October 9, 2026, inviting patients, customers and members of the local community to explore the new dispensary, meet the local team, and learn more about Ascend's curated selection of cannabis products. The Company offers a wide selection of cannabis products from leading brands, including Ascend's award-winning in-house brands Ozone Reserve and Simply Herb. Ahead of the grand opening, the Lewis Center dispensary will operate from 10:00 AM to 7:00 PM. Beginning with the grand opening on October 9, regular hours will be 8:00 AM to 11:00 PM daily.

For more information on Ascend Lewis Center, visit: <https://letsascend.com/stores/ascend-lewis-center-ohio>.

About Ascend Wellness Holdings, Inc.

AWH is a vertically integrated cannabis operator with assets in Illinois, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, New Jersey, Ohio, and Pennsylvania. AWH owns and operates state-of-the-art cultivation facilities, growing award-winning strains and producing a curated selection of products for retail and wholesale customers. AWH produces and distributes its in-house Ozone, Simply Herb, High Wired, Honor Roll, Royale, and Effin' branded products. For more information about AWH, visit www.awholdings.com.

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